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Former CIA advisor: Reagan 'criminal'

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A former adviser for the Central Intelligence Agency says the CIA is violating U.S. law by backing counter-revolutionaries in a war against Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

"These actions are being carried out at the behest of one man," said David MacMichael, during a speech at the University of Colorado on Friday. "I will say he is a criminal. His name is Ronald Wilson Reagan."

MacMichael worked with the Analytic Group of the National Intelligence Council in the CIA from 1981-1983. He documented the alleged flow of arms between Nicaragua and El Salvador. He said that any

arms flow that did exist between the two countries stopped in 1981.

The CIA is fabricating allegations of arms shipments in order to maintain the support of the U.S. Congress for money and arms to Nicaragua's counter-revolutionaries, known as Contras, he said.

"I have a slightly different view of the CIA and the role it's played in foreign policy," MacMichael said. Although the CIA is a "fountain of evil," he said that, "The actions it has taken in every case has been with the knowledge and at the behest of the President of the United States."

According to the provisions of the Boland Amendment, U.S. support of the Contras can only be used to stop arms shipments and cannot be used to help overthrow the Nicaraguan government.

Reagan has ignored this law and is investing mil-

lions of dollars in arms and advisers for the Contras. In fact, MacMichael said, the CIA is not only aiding the Contras but is actually in charge of the offensive against the Sandinistas.

"What Reagan is doing is an impeachable offense," said MacMichael.

MacMichael now works with the Council on Hemispheric Affairs in Washington, D.C. He recently testified before the World Court, the judicial body of the United Nations, that there exists no credible evidence of a significant arms flow between Nicaragua and El Salvador.

On Friday he read several pages of testimony written by Edgar Chamorro for the World Court. Chamorro was part of the Contra force from 1981-1984.

In his testimony Chamorro wrote that the CIA has been paying America journalists and broadcasters to write against the Sandinistas. The same tactic has been used to control the Costa Rican media, he said.

Chamorro's testimony stated that although the Contras never saw any arms movement between Nicaragua and El Salvador the CIA told them that the fabrication was necessary. The CIA's stated goal, Chamorro wrote, is to overthrow the Sandinista government.

MacMichael said, "This war in Central America is such an atrocity. I hope that all of us can stop this atrocity which we are engaged in."

MacMichael's lecture was sponsored by Community in Action as part of a week of educational events about the CIA in Central America. The group is planning a demonstration Monday against CIA recruitment on the CU campus.